

PD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2009, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SRS Learning Center, Room D

Present: Gary Bates, Carol McFadden, Independent Connection, OCCK; Shannon Jones, SILCK; Jennifer Schwartz, KACIL; Ami Hyten, TILRC; Chad Wilkens, Becky Brewer, Tania Harrington, RCIL; Evelyn Harden, The Whole Person; Mary Serrato, The Dream Works; Michelle Dana, Julie Klein, LINK, Inc.; Susie Robinson, The Home Team; Pat Eakes, Cognitive Care Connection; Stacy Hunter Schwartz, Jill Enyart, Sheena Koehn, Independence, Inc.; Audrey Phillip, Three Rivers; Shari Coatney, SKIL; Ray Dalton, Margaret Zillinger, Frank Stahl, Candace Cobb, SRS.

Present by way of teleconference: Teddi McCullough, In Your Home Case Management; Jon Hidalgo, Rod McInnis, The Advocates Group; Troy Horton, CILSWKS; Erieka King, Margie Springfield, Clay Johnson, Best Choice; Natania Manning, Able U Home Health; Ken Gifford, Diane Paste, ILC/NEK; Andy Reichart, PILR; Yvonne Page, Caring Hearts; Cindi Unruh, Janet Janney, ILRC; Jennifer Prunte, Communityworksinc; Sandra Shire, Linda Ames, Connections Home Health Agency.

1. Review of Goals and Objectives:

- The committee reviewed the Learning Template completed at the February, 2009 PD Steering Committee meeting. The committee pronounced it to be still relevant to the purpose of the group.

2. PD Waiver Renewal:

- Candace reported a full room of consumers, TCMs and others had attended the PD Public Forum held August 12 at 7:00 PM. at the Disability Caucus. SRS appreciates the time allotted for opportunity to reach a great number of people from around the state in one setting.
- The next PD Public Forums scheduled were: Great Bend, August 19th; Parsons, August 20th, and Lawrence, August 21.
- Jennifer asked that notes from the forums be available to the Steering Committee.

3. Update on OACs Activities:

- Ray presented a chart that outlined the audits conducted recently by OACs and shared that one remaining audit was to be conducted.

4. Review of Data

- a. Growth of PD Waiver
Graph reflecting the growth of the waiver 2001-2009 distributed.
- b. Average Cost Per Person Receiving Services
Graph reflecting the rise in the cost per person 2001-2009 distributed.
- c. Rate Increases
Graph distributed that reflected both the rise in costs with the recent rate increases and

the rise in costs should there have been no rate increase for services 2001-2009.

d. Outliers

Graph distributed reflecting the removal of “outliers” and continued rise in costs 2001-2009.

Ray explained the graphs reflecting data from FY2001-FY2009.

- Average monthly number of consumers, taken from paid claims
- Average Monthly PD Waiver Expenditures Per Consumer
- Total Annual PD Waiver Expenditures (with the rate changes and without the rate changes)

5. **Discussion of TCM/I & A/ILC:** How to meet the need...

The majority of the committee would like to have TCM – PD removed from the Kansas Medicaid State Plan, and have Independent Living Counseling added as a PD waiver service on Plans of Care. Kansas has been informed by CMS that it needs to change the reimbursement methodology for self-directed services to a Financial Management Services (FMS) model. Information & Assistance (I&A) is an additional service that can be added to waiver consumers’ Plans of Care for support of self direction. A final PD Waiver Renewal Workgroup was called for Friday, August 28, 2009, from 9 AM – 1 PM to finalize Chore Services wording and payment methodology and to continue discussion of TCM/I&A/ILC.

6. **Short Range Actions**

a. Tweaking policies

- The committee discussed and agreed with a policy to end-date additional hours and services assessed to meet short term and/or recovery time following surgery and/or health exacerbation of illness to 8 weeks.
- A review of client obligation issues led to the thought that, if everyone’s case terminated for lack of client obligation payment, we could move additional consumers from the waiting list to services. The committee voiced concern over consumers who move from one agency to another without payment of existing client obligations toward services. This discussion led to the reminder that case logging follows the consumer to the new (receiving) TCM agency. Lack of payment of client obligation should be logged in the consumer’s case file.

b. Review/Oversight

- A discussion of internal agency QA took place. A few agency representatives on the committee related their internal QA protocols.
- The committee also discussed the need for continued CSS training to TCMs. (Candace did a statewide training in 2006, and documentation training by Webinar in 2008.)

- Volunteers to discuss Review/Oversight: Andy Reichart, Audrey Phillip, Becky Brewer, Mary Serrato, Michelle Dana, Pat Roark, Teddi McCullough, and for QA, Brian Bolen, SRS. Items for discussion might include: (a) What triggers a review; (b) future internal QA development.
- c. Continue to look at data & address outliers
 - That data will continue to be collected.
- d. Policy on transfers
 - The committee discussed amending the Consumer Transfer Policy by limiting services and hours on Plans of Care to those established at the time of consumer transfer for one year from date of transfer.

PLEASE NOTE: The next PDSC Meeting date has been moved to December 3, 2009, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Topeka Shawnee County Library. (This is an update from the previous date and location mentioned on the meeting agenda.)